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Council Concerned Over Progress in Merging With School District

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NUTFIELD NEWS

Despite residents voting back in March to support a referendum to make the Derry School District a department of Derry, effectively giving town staff control over the district's budget. A series of issues have led that process to a standstill. As of late, communications between the school board and council have broken down, which the council was forced to address during the latest meeting on June 5.

Council Chair James Morgan, who addressed the matter as a part of his Chairman's Report, noted that what he was speaking to his

own views, and not that of the entire council. Overall he felt, "There were some major trust issues occurring between the two sides, while feeling that Derry's tax issues were not one party's fault, but rather due to a lack of joint collaboration, as well as a lack of land development and tax basis." "The failure of Derry lay with all of us", Morgan noted.

He then argued that establishing a tax cap for the school district would do wonders for Derry financially. Morgan cited statistics that he used to analyze what Derry's situation would be if a hypothetical tax cap were introduced back in 2010. He also noted how Derry has

the highest tax rate amongst New Hampshire's 10 largest communities, but only has the eighth highest income per capita, amongst other issues. Coupled with an annual impact to the tax rate of \$2,560,000 because of suspended state responsibilities, such as the New Hampshire Retirement System and General Revenue Sharing; Morgan feels that much more can be done to alleviate these issues. He did admit that he could have worked harder to try and build trust between both parties. He still feels that with the millions that the district has added on to their budget over the years; not only does

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Senators Show Solutions to State Southern Tier at Chamber Breakfast

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NUTFIELD NEWS

"I think we've changed the way that N.H. was, and what was going wrong in N.H.," said State Senate President Chuck Morse, representative of District 22.

Morse, along with Senators Regina Birdsell and Sharon Carson, spoke at the Greater Derry Londonderry Chamber of Commerce's 2018 Legislative Breakfast: State of the State at the Wedgewood Granite Rose on Friday, June 8. The meeting served as an opportunity to make business leaders aware of the changes occurring throughout the state, specifically within the southern tier.

Financially speaking, the state has increased the Revenue Stabilization Reserve

Account, commonly referred to as the "Rainy Day Fund." Created in 1986, the Fund may be used to counteract budget deficits or a revenue shortfall. More information about the Fund can be found at <http://nh-fpi.org/commoncents/sun-shining-on-the-rainy-day-fund.html>.

"We've filled the Rainy Day Fund," said Morse. "I'm proud to say we just put another \$10 million in, so we're at over \$110 million."

Additionally, the state has lowered business taxes, including both the business enterprise tax (BET) and the business profits tax (BPT). The BET is currently 0.72 percent of enterprise value, but will drop to 0.60 percent in 2019 and then to 0.50 per-

cent in 2021. The BPT is currently 8.2 percent, but will drop to 7.7 percent in 2019 and 7.5 percent in 2021. Given that N.H. does not have a broad-based sales, earned income, or capital gains tax, business taxes make up the largest portion of the state's revenue. More information about business taxes in N.H. can be found at www.lfda.org/issues/business-taxes.

Though the reduction is expected to impact that revenue, Morse believes it symbolizes something more important. "We've lowered those taxes to send a strong message that we want things to happen in N.H.," he said.

Meanwhile, locals have seen plenty happening by I-

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Valedictorian Sara Metzger and Student Council Vice-President Ariana LoFaro admire the diplomas they were presented during the Pinkerton Academy Graduation that was held at the SNHU Arena on Monday June 11.

Photo by Chris Paul

Pinkerton Celebrates 198th Commencement with Class of 2018

NOELLE TARDIFF
NUTFIELD NEWS

On Monday, June 11, Pinkerton Academy students, families, and friends filled the seats of the Southern New Hampshire University Arena for the school's 198th commencement ceremony. The evening was filled with hope and anticipation for what the future might hold for the new alumni, and of course, a few beach balls were thrown around by students while they waited

for their names to be called.

As the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance March" was played by members of Pinkerton's band, students were led to their seats by Junior Class Marshal, Isabella Brouillet.

Once everyone was seated, the national anthem was sung by Olivia Christopher, Bridget Dale, Sarah Perkins, and Amara Phelps, and signed by Haley Charest and Abigail Thomas. All of these students were

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Residents Still Concerned Over Health and Human Services Department Closing

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Back in May during the Fiscal Year 2019 budget proceedings, one of the cutbacks done in order to minimize increases to Derry's tax rate was the elimination of its human services department. These were outsourced to Greater Derry Community Health Services Incorporated (GDCHSI). Although several town councilors spoke out against the idea, several town staff also supported the idea, including Town Administra-

tor David Caron and Council Chair James Morgan. Morgan, in particular, noted that his own brother has had to use these types of services in the past, giving him insight into their significance, and he had also done plenty of research into the performance and capabilities of GDCHSI.

However, for the past couple Town Council meetings, residents and councilors alike have been voicing the disapproval of the decision and the potential negative impacts that it could have on Derry. This

trend continued during the council's latest meeting on June 5. A number of residents came before the council to air their grievances. Babette Fitzgerald spoke first. Noting how she has been a resident in Derry for 23 years, Fitzgerald has used the Health and Human Services Department of Derry in the past, feeling incredibly grateful for its resources. She was fearful of what would have happened to her if it was not around to help, and what kind of impact outsourcing it would have on other residents.

"They helped me when I needed a lot of help", Fitzgerald noted.

Resident TJ Moonen also addressed the council, noting his relation with Fitzgerald and how her son eventually got some assistance for personal issues thanks to the efforts of Councilor Joshua Bourdon, whom he thanked. Moonen also hoped to speak to the state representatives in the council about the funding of these services, which he feels needs to be addressed on a state level, before finishing by saying that it

would be a crime to eliminate Derry's human services department.

Next was Randall Kelly, who questioned councilors like Morgan on why they feel the department should be closed. He brought up inconsistencies in the department and the supposed benefits of working with GDCHSI. Kelly also noted that other communities surrounding Derry have shown concerns over the added load they may have to take on with the closing of Derry's department. He finished by noting that he has

not been a huge fan of the staff of GDCHSI, while commending the current employees of the town's department.

Last was Dawn Terrell. She also felt quite disappointed in GDCHSI; such as how the staff initially resisted her attempts to donate toys to children who occupy the building. Terrell also felt that the group would not be able to handle Derry's needs, noting that although they have helped other towns in the past like Londonderry, the help was minimal.

Zoning Board Discusses Zoning Area Alteration For Water Company

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A local water company has been attempting to convert property that it owns into a residential lot, but recently had to go before the Zoning Board during their latest meeting on June 7. Donald Ware, the Chief Operating Officer for Pennichuck Waterworks Inc. went before the board concerning a lot that it owns on Warner Hill Road. More specifically, they hope to turn the 4.8 acre lot into a

buildable lot that could allow for a residential home to be built on it. It is currently designated as a water supply lot. Due to upgrades to the local watering systems, the lot has not had to be used for that purpose since 2012. All the buildings and machinery used for such a purpose have been removed. Communities primarily used the lot for a water supply back in the 80s and 90s, while Pennichuck obtained the property in the early 90's.

Zoning regulations disallow the land to become a

residential lot due to the fact that the road frontage only extends just less than 100 feet, while 150 feet is needed for the transition. In defense of Pennichuck, Ware argued that they should receive a variance for the issue due to the alteration of zoning rules over the years; not to mention that the size of the lot would be in character with the local community, making it perfect for a new home. As Pennichuck is also trying to dispose of the land from its hands, Ware also felt that changing the zoning would mean fewer taxes on the land for the company to pay

for, which would in turn lighten the financial burden on Pennichuck's customers. "We don't believe that if this was used as residential property, it would be out of character for the community", Ware noted.

Upon entering discussion amongst the board, Board Member Randall Kelley asked whether or not the property had been taxed for pre-existing buildings. Ware noted that they had already tried for a reassessment of the property. Board Chair Lynn Perkins weighed in, noting that he felt confused by the location and layout of the driveway for the proper-

ty; and that the spirit of the ordinance would not be upheld by allowing a variance. Several abutters in attendance also came forward to voice their concerns, noting that they were not fond of a new building's impact on the landlocked area. They were concerned about what a new building would do to the local water supply. Board Secretary

Stephen Coppolo did argue in favor of the variance, feeling that the regulation did implement a hardship on Pennichuck, and that the property could be beneficial to the area. However, the board still decided to vote against the variance, with Coppolo voting yes, while Perkins, Kelley, and Board Members Heather Evans and Michelle Navarro voted no.

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93, as the state's projects have stirred many questions and concerns. As chair of the Transportation Committee, Birdsell of District 19 addressed these, explaining that of the \$3.7 billion committed to the state's roads, bridges, ports, and airports, some of the major projects continue to be with I-93 in the Derry and Londonderry area.

The I-93 project, which includes expanding from Exit 3 to the Exit 5 and 293 interchange area, is projected to finish on time in 2019. The other project, Exit 4A, is expected to be started and finished by 2022.

"It is being done. It will be done on time. It's critical for the development of businesses in Derry and Londonderry," stated Birdsell.

When asked how Exit 4A would affect traffic, rerouting vehicles on side roads not properly equipped for the heavy traffic, Morse said that was not the focus at this time.

"The priority right now is Exit 4A, so what we're taking care of is the three lanes of traffic that N.H. has today. That's what we're working on," he said.

Carson, representative of District 14, who resides in Londonderry, encourages the community to reach out to the state with feedback about the topic.

"I would welcome any information that you have, because we're going to be looking at not only Londonderry, but the whole area," said Carson. "If you have concerns, please contact Senator Birdsell, and we'll make sure that this is something the committee can take a look at."

Senator Birdsell can be

contacted via phone at (603) 271-4151 or via email at Regina.Birdsell@leg.state.nh.us.

One idea that was suggested, as an attempt to free up some of the traffic on I-93, was putting in a commuter rail system. However, the project would be costly, causing an increased property tax and/or car registration fees. In addition to the financial concerns, the rail would potentially oppose some of the strongest efforts of the state to keep businessmen in N.H.

"Nowhere in the United States does rail pay for itself. So as far as I'm concerned, I'm not going to be putting rail into any 10 year plan," said Birdsell. "One of the issues we have, is if we put it up here, it's going to allow people to go down to Boston more, because it's going to be a feeder for Boston."

In an attempt to improve the amount of workers in N.H., the state has shifted its focus to the students. Specifically, scholarships have become a priority to combat the prices of attending schools such as The University of New Hampshire (UNH), Keene State College (KSC), and Plymouth State University (PSU).

"Because if the message hasn't gotten across that we don't want tuitions to go up in these institutions, we'll send the message by letting the student decide where to go," said Morse. "We, and the Governor [Chris Sununu], believe that the way to do that is to give them choice for scholarships."

According to www.collegetuitioncompare.com, tuitions have continued to do just that. In 2011, the cost for an in-state student to attend PSU, KSC, or UNH, for tuition alone were listed at \$9,110, \$9,160, and

\$12,060, respectively. For the 2017-2018 school year, in-state costs of PSU, KSC, and UNH for tuition were \$13,770, \$13,868, and \$18,067, respectively.

Carson explained that the state has worked hard to make education more affordable. A few of the changes include allowing community colleges to enroll high school students in college level courses through dual and current enrollment, as well as the governor establishing a scholarship fund through the [N.H.] State Loan Repayment Program [SLRP] to help reduce student debt.

"We've [also] lowered the age for highschool students to attend a career and technical education center," said Carson. "These centers are really vital for developing our workforce, and lowering the age to attend will help to better prepare students for post graduation [life]."

Carson believes that these programs are designed to not only help train future workers, but to specifically give them the opportunity to stay in N.H. with a dependable job.

"For many years, and the focus was on '55 and older, we've got to keep kids out of the schools,' but the problem has now gone to the other side," she said. "Now we have a large senior population, that we just don't have the resources to take care of. We need young people to come into the state."

One of the biggest obstacles that the state has faced with that new goal is making workforce housing more affordable. Carson believes that the key to overcoming this remains in the efforts of local communities.

"We can't do that at the state level," she said. "But

we can assist communities by passing legislation that makes it easier for these types of projects to be built."

The ideology to empower local communities has been emerging through the state, becoming the approach for a number of topics.

"That's Governor Sununu's philosophy," explained Morse. "The reality of government getting out of the way and letting you do what's right as a business. You guys [the members of the Chamber] understand what's right, or else you wouldn't be successful in business."

Though calling the local businesses to take action, Morse went on to clarify that both the government, as well as as the community will need to work together for a successful future.

"Growing the system in N.H. needs two partners: the people that we're helping, and the government," he added. "We need to make

sure that there's good jobs for them. We're doing our part as a government to make sure you expand as businesses in N.H."

To help ensure that the workforce goes to N.H. businesses, as opposed to neighboring cities in M.A., the state recently reauthorized the healthcare bill for the Medicaid program to extend for another five years. However, to be eligible for Medicaid, the state has added the requirement that all beneficiaries aged between 19 and 64 must participate in 100 hours per month of "community engagement activities, such as employment, education, job skills training, or community service." This condition becomes effective as of Jan. 1, 2019. More information about the expanded Medicaid can be found at www.governing.com/topics/health-human-services/gov-new-hampshire-expanded-medic.

As for the future, there is construction in the works, intended to improve the water supply for local communities. There will be a pipeline coming down from Manchester going through Derry, which will feed parts of Windham, Salem, Atkinson, Hampstead, and Plaistow. Morse revealed that all projects have been approved, which will cost about \$30 million in total.

"I believe the water tower that'll support Plaistow and Atkinson will go up in the fall, and then the main pipeline and everything else that's going to happen will be in 2019. It's our intent to have that turned on by the spring of 2020," he said. "The southern tier really needs this to happen."

Morse then concluded with, "There are great opportunities in this state. I think that in the southern tier, we're behind the line, but we know we're going to solve these problems."

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Editorial

Igniting Change

Sometimes all it takes a single spark to ignite a flame. But what if the times when one spark is not enough? Do you stop trying to light the fire, or do you continue your attempts?

Thanks to social media, it seems that social issues catch the public's attention for a day at best. Headlines go viral as the people share stories (which may or may not have been read to their full comprehension) and in doing so they feel they've contributed to solving the problem. Once it has been shared into the void, their part has been done, and then it is back to the same old same old.

Complacency seems to be the new norm, but change doesn't occur with a complacent mindset. It is important to recognize that major change often starts from the bottom and works its way up.

If the "Sleeping Giant" that is the people does not turn up the heat by asking questions and asking for the information that backs up what is being said, the people in power won't feel the need to budge from their comfortable seats.

Towns' abhorrent practices will not change unless we turn our concerns into action. People in positions of power need to get on board with the condemnation of immoral and illegal practices. It is time to stop sweeping questionable behavior under the rug.

Nowadays, social media is often the catalyst used to call out powerful figures who take advantage of their status.

But change doesn't happen with a single post or even one town meeting.

It is no longer acceptable to allow administrations and institutions to be complacent regarding injustices. Whether or not you are involved directly or indirectly, it is still your responsibility to demand answers and action.

How else will change happen?

It is not enough to merely acknowledge that something is wrong. Saying something, doing something—this is how change is made.

It is time to fully ignite the flame. We must challenge people at every level of decision-making as to what is their agenda.

Why hasn't the public been given more information? How long did this go on for? How many people were affected and haven't received justice? Where are the documents to back up what is being said? Where did you get that information?

Why aren't residents demanding the answers to these questions?

At this point in time, if residents don't push against complacency, the administration will not change.

We can make a difference if we throw away our apathy, demand answers from the administration and provoke a change. We all have the power to hold decision-makers accountable.

Graduation

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members of the graduating class.

Then, Margaret Vaillancourt, the students who received fourth honors this year, welcomed Reverend Michael Mills of Sunday River Church in Derry to the stage. During his opening prayer, he gave thanks for our country as well as for the Pinkerton community. "We also come to you [God] in prayer," he said, "as a grateful community for Pinkerton Academy and its longstanding tradition, mission, and vision."

This year's third honors recipient, Ariana LoFaro, spoke next, welcoming families and friends to the ceremony before Beverly Lannon, Dean of Faculty, took to the stage to welcome Salutatorian Julia Sylvain.

Sylvain received a GPA of 103 throughout high school, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society, the Academy Mentor Program, Future Business Leaders of America, Prom Committee, and Concert Dance Company. She has served on the Stockbridge Theater Advisory Board, the Auburn School Board as the Pinkerton liaison, and as a volunteer math tutor.

She is a competitive dancer who has been involved in not only Pinkerton's dance program, but with the Dance Studio of Manchester for many years. Patricia Harms, the dance teacher at Pinkerton, explained that "Julia has always challenged herself as a dance-maker, and her choreographic work has continuously gained sophistication with each passing semester." Sylvain will be attending Hofstra University in the fall.

During Sylvain's speech, she explained that while the average high school experience isn't exactly like the movies "Mean Girls" or "High School Musical," students at Pinkerton were given endless opportunity to

explore courses outside of the traditional curriculum and join various clubs in order to create the ultimate high school experience. "As much as it is scary not knowing what exactly you will be doing and who you will be in two, four, or even ten years from now, it is completely okay," she said. "We can now use our skills and knowledge to take any of the infinite opportunities that we have and become whoever and do whatever we want to."

Sylvain then asked her fellow students to introduce themselves to those sitting around them, as it was likely that there was someone near them with a unique high school journey that they had not met. Students then discussed with their peers their plans for the upcoming years. She finished with a quote from "High School Musical": "Pinkerton today, tomorrow, the world."

Derek Lee, Dean of Studies and Instruction, then took to the podium to welcome this year's Valedictorian, Sara Metzger. Metzger, the President of Student Council, finished off her high school career with a GPA of 103 and a course load of six AP and four Honors classes. Lee explained that Metzger is committed to excellence in everything she does. AP Language and Composition teacher Nicole Canney elaborated, saying that "Sara is a young woman who has a thirst for learning and leading, both in and out of the classroom. Her drive to make a difference while also remaining intellectually curious and constantly wanting to grow is truly inspiring."

"Sara just doesn't theorize about bettering the lives of others," Lee continued to quote Canney, "she lives it." Metzger does this through her involvement in clubs such as the Pinkerton and Little Students organization, in which she serves as a mentor for elementary school students in the community. Metzger will be attending Boston College in

the fall

During her speech, Metzger described the various highs and lows of the past four years, but also looked ahead to what the future will hold. She asked the soon to be graduates what their legacies would be, whether that would include winning state championships, putting on great performances, or simply showing up to class and doing their best. She explained that all of this was equally important.

She then quoted the musical "Hamilton," saying, "Legacy. What is a legacy? It's planted seeds in a garden you never get to see." Metzger then encouraged her classmates to act in such a way that will inspire others and allow the next generations to have a better life without reveling in the glory of these actions. "We should purposely strive to live a life that will leave an inspirational legacy. We have all made a difference at Pinkerton, and let's carry that with us wherever the future may take us."

Interim Headmaster Dr. Timothy Powers spoke following Metzger, asking the Class of 2018 to tell him a story, whether it be a memory from childhood, a family vacation, a fun outing with friends, or how they got to that very moment. He asked them how their stories would continue after the ceremony was over, encouraging them in the coming days to sit back and read their stories so far. "Although these pages cannot be rewritten," he said, "you can influence how the next chapter turns out."

Edward Stuart, IV was then introduced as the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist, and Alyssa Felder as the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student. These students earned high PSAT scores and demonstrated excellent academic potential.

Over 200 students who received the New Hampshire State Scholars Initia-

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Isabella Brouillet directs graduates.



Dr. Timothy Powers congratulates Amara Phelps.



Dr. Timothy Butterfield hands Matthew Fabrizio his diploma.

Photos by Chris Paul



Salutarian Julia Sylvain addresses the crowd.

Graduation

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tive were then asked to stand and were recognized. The 2018 President's Education Excellence Awards recipients were then announced as well. While every scholarship award was not announced, it was announced that the com-

bined total of all scholarships and awards given to the Class of 2018 exceeds \$10 million.

Lee then returned to the stage to announce the eight Honors Diploma recipients, who took a minimum of six Honors/AP courses, exceeded an 85 or higher in each class, took all other A-level classes and received

an 80 or better, and designed and presented a multidisciplinary project tailored to their interests.

Dr. Timothy Butterfield then spoke, wishing students great success after graduation and encouraging them to live as people of substance. "What makes a person of substance is involvement, investment,

and integrity," he said.

Diplomas were then distributed to the 668 graduates by Pinkerton teachers Peter Gaucher and Lani Buskey. Senior class advisors Andrew Collins and Jennifer Gentile were then

recognized and presented with the class gift.

Finally, Class President Matthew Newman spoke, leading his class in moving their tassels from right to left, and graduating a new class of artists, activists,

inventors, and creators, leaving them with a few final words: "Take the values you have learned and use them in your futures, and always be the kindest and most selfless person in the room."



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For a while now, Derry has been working to become more environmentally friendly, whether it be through the efforts of the town's Conservation Commission to preserve wetlands and animal habitats, or recently establishing a solar panel system for the town transfer station. Now Derry has taken yet another step in this direction. Four electric car charging stations have been installed outside of the Derry Municipal Center, at 14 Manning Street, Derry.

The installation of these stations has been a major objective of the Net Zero Task Force for a couple of

years. The task force's goal is to explore and achieve cost effective solutions that would help reduce energy and water use; as well as sustainable energy development for the town of Derry. According to Director of Public Works Mike Fowler, one of the major factors preventing the installation of these stations was the price of the project. Purchasing and installing the units could run anywhere from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Thanks to ReVision Energy, one of the largest solar energy providers in New England, as well as Tesla Corporation, the latter issued a grant to Derry that would help to cover most of these



Four electric car charging stations have been installed outside of the Derry Municipal Center, at 14 Manning Street, in Derry by the Department of Public Works.

costs, so long as three of the units were Tesla models, with the fourth being manufactured by Clipper Creek. Normally, it would cost around \$4,000 to purchase

these units, while installing them would run over \$8,000. However, thanks to the grant, Derry only has to cover \$2,377 for the entire

project.

The three Tesla stations will be running at forty amps per hour, while the Clipper Creek station will run at thirty two amps per hour. Regardless, most cars can expect a full charge from the stations within four hours. The stations are expected to use up between one thousand and fifteen hundred dollars worth of electricity annually and will initially be free for public use. The council may wish to add on fees for using them in the future. Town officials are also hoping to use the stations as a means of encouraging drivers coming off of Route 93 to use the stations and potentially

spend money downtown. This could strengthen economic development in Derry, especially considering the proximity of the stations to several restaurants, shops, and other services.

Tesla themselves have been one of the most prominent names in the electric car industry since their founding back in 2003. They have already been labeled the eighth best car brand amongst global carmakers, according to American magazine Consumer Reports in February 2017. Any other questions about the project can be sent to Fowler at (603) 432-6100 or mike-fowler@derrynh.org.

National Conference Recognizes Derry For Environmental Programs and Projects

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

As essential as federal and state legislation and other efforts, to making sure that this country runs effectively; towns and cities across America have just as key a role in setting a good example for their communities through economic and social policies. In order to unite the leaders of these communities and focus their goals, over 1,400 cities across the country are active members of the United States Conference of Mayors. The organization was

created after the Great Depression to develop the economic and social programs needed by US cities with populations of 30,000 or more. Derry, which happens to be a member of the organization, recently had several town representatives attend its 86th Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts to be recognized for efforts towards promoting renewable energy.

Amongst the numerous events taking place during this meeting were seminars on how to more effectively run one's town or city. Various

luncheons and get-togethers allowed representatives of these cities to network with other cities and build strong relationships.

The main reason Derry representatives Town Councilor Joshua Bourdon and Net Zero Task Force Chair Jeff Moulton were present, was to be recognized at the 2018 Mayors' Climate Protection Awards ceremony. Handed out on June 8, the award was sponsored by the conference and Walmart, celebrating communities that push for sustainability and environmental consci-

entiousness. "As the nation struggles to find a common vision to the growing challenges of a changing climate, Mayors Adler and McCarthy show how local leadership and action offer a pathway to a broader national consensus and response to our climate challenges," said Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of Columbia, SC and President of The U.S. Conference of Mayors. "We know we are the first responders but we can't be the only responders, with these award-winning city efforts hopefully inspiring others here in the U.S. and throughout the world to act."

The awards were split into two categories, one being for smaller towns and cities, such as Derry; while the other was reserved for major US cities like Min-

neapolis, Minnesota and San Jose, California. To be considered for the awards, town representatives must fill out an application detailing specific programs used to reduce energy and climate emissions, the reason the city identified a need for the program, the challenges faced by implementing it, how effective the program has proven to be, how it has helped the community, and so on. In Derry's case, officials touted the existence of the Net Zero Task Force (NZTF), which seeks to eliminate Derry's carbon fuel emissions and reduce the economic cost to taxpayers and homeowners via lower energy costs.

Through the NZTF; Derry has implemented LED light replacement projects, a solar energy system

for the town transfer station, and four electric car charging stations outside of the municipal center, just to name a few accomplishments.

Unfortunately, Derry was unable to win the small city award, as that went to Schenectady, New York, while the large city award went to Austin, Texas. However, Derry was still given an honorable mention for its efforts, listed alongside Binghamton, New York, Sarasota, Florida, and Hermosa Beach, California. The Derry representatives felt that it was still a productive experience. "It was a great networking session yesterday as well as a forum for learning about successful initiatives that have been implemented around the country," Moulton noted.

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Pinkerton Automotive Students Host Charity Car Show

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Pinkerton Academy (PA) has had a long history of its students and staff working to give back to the community, whether it is through charities or community service. With the spring bringing on some superb weather last weekend, Pinkerton students figured it would be a great idea to host the second annual Pinkerton Academy Car Show in the Pinkerton Senior Parking Lot on June 10.

Taking place from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., around 35 cars of all sorts were lined up within the parking lot for

attendees to observe. Not only were there plenty of styles and models of cars, ranging from Cougars and Corvettes, to Road Runners and Lexuses, but there was also a mix of cars provided by both students of PA Automotive program, and residents looking to help out as well.

This was not done just for show, as the students that put together the event hoped to contribute to a good cause. According to one of the organizers, Automotive Teacher Dawn Kraves, students were able to decide on what group they hoped to give back to. This year they chose to raise money for the

Veterans Northeast Outreach Center (VNOC). Based out of Haverhill, Massachusetts, this organization has been working since 1985 to provide a number of services to veterans. These include: educational assistance, putting together food pantries, helping veterans obtain employment, combating veteran homelessness, legal services, and assisting elderly veterans with their day-to-day activities, just to name a few. They also have the branches in Salem, New Hampshire, Bedford, Massachusetts, and Marlboro, Massachusetts. The VNOC were quite impressed with the students,

admiring their work ethic and acknowledging that many of the volunteers were senior students looking to leave one last positive mark on their time at PA. "I think it's fabulous", Executive Director John Ratka noted.

The students had just as much of a good time, as music played while volunteers worked the BBQ for the many attendees. There was also a raffle featuring a number of items donated by residents and local businesses including: posters, model cars, and engine pieces. Between the hundreds of dollars which they hoped to raise from the event, based on last years' earnings of



Residents and students observe the dozens of cars on display at Pinkerton's second annual car show in the Senior Parking Lot.

\$800, and the love of automobiles of the students; who study everything from American and classic cars, to European and Japanese domestic market models, the students seemed to enjoy themselves tremendously. "They're having a good time", Kraves stated.

Zoning Board Rejects New Duplex Plan on Fairway Avenue

ALEX GUITTARR
NUTFIELD NEWS

Derry already has plenty of duplexes to go around, but one resident is hoping to build another for his family, looking to the Derry Zoning Board for permission during their latest meeting on June 7. Speaking for Glema Coughlin, Aaron Hill went before the board to explain that he hopes to build a two-family dwelling on an empty lot at 30 Fairway Avenue for both his parents and sister and brother-in-law. The primary reason for this build is that his parents, currently

living in Maine, are in their 80s. Hill hopes to keep them close to him and other family members, while still allowing them to maintain their independence. However, he was met by a zoning regulation that forbids duplexes in this area, which was established around 10 to 20 years ago. None the less, Hill argues the building would only enhance the appearance of the neighborhood. And that there are already plenty of duplexes in neighborhood; although they were established before zoning prohibited them. The build would make

things easier for grandchildren hoping to visit Hill's parents for sleepovers. Hill's parents would be living in one portion of the duplex, while his sister and brother-in-law would live in the second portion. "I hope to not limit them in the size of the home I can build them," Hill noted.

Nonetheless Hill was met with some resistance.

Board member Randall Kelley asked Hill if he had considered a single family structure. Hill noted he thought about one with an

accessory apartment; but decided against it because of the 800 square foot limit on the addition. Overall, Kelley felt that despite being a visual improvement to the area, it would still be contrary to the public interest. Board Secretary Stephen Coppola wondered what Hill would say to Derry residents who feel that the town has too many duplexes. Hill argued that the building would fit in well with the neighborhood and not be a visual distraction. Coppola felt that Derry has too many duplexes,

despite also seeing the building as visually pleasing.

There were also several Derry residents who argued against the project, including Rick Willits, who noted that nine duplexes already exist in this neighborhood. He felt that the building

would not improve the neighborhood and was also worried about the potential for more children occupying the structure in the future.

In the end, the board unanimously agreed to reject the proposal from Hill.

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Derry Farmers Market Gets Up and Running Last Week



The 2018 Derry Homegrown Farm and Artisan Market got off to a great start with some great weather last week on Wednesday, June 7 on West Broadway. Although many of the local farms are yet to produce fresh vegetables there were plenty of vendors selling their products. A large carrot made of balloons greeted patrons thanks to creator Joe Tombarello.

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DERRY SPORTS

Astro Laxmen Upend Unbeaten BG in 2018 Division I Title Battle

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

It has come to the point where New Hampshire lacrosse fans can write in on their June calendar the Division I championship game between the Pinkerton Academy Astros and the Bishop Guertin High Cardinals.

The two Division I powerhouses have met in every one of the last six D-I championship matches, including the 2018 title battle at Exeter High School Saturday night, June 9, in the Bill Ball Stadium.

Undefeated and top-ranked Guertin, which has played in every D-I championship match since 2005 and won 10 crowns, headed into the 2018 match as the favorite. But the second-seeded Astros hauled the Cardinals down a peg by handing them a stunning and wildly exciting 11-9 defeat.

The Cardinals and Astros have met in the championship game 10 times since 2005, with Pinkerton bagging titles in 2006, 2015, and now 2018. BG was the two-time defending champ rolling into this year's battle.

The Cards had handed PA its lone New Hampshire defeat in a 13-11 decision in Derry in late April, but coach Brian O'Reilly used both that match result and Guertin's lack of respect for his charges as motivational

points going into the game.

"In that 13-11 game, our field was soft and spongy. And that was a big factor for us," said the coach. "(Face-off specialist) Gennaro Marra wasn't able to dig in and be as effective as he usually is on draws, and we're faster than (BG) and fast kids like Matt Newman just didn't have the footing they needed. And I knew here on the turf we'd be the faster team."

Regarding the question of respect, O'Reilly stated, "For some reason, they don't take us seriously, and I don't really understand why. That's something we talked about before the game. If you look at the last eight games between us, we've won four, they've won four, we've won two titles, and they've won two titles."

The large contingent of Pinkerton fans saw their Astros outscore BG by counts of 3-1 in each of the first two periods to carry a solid 6-2 lead to halftime.

Senior attacker Chris Valentine scored the game's first goal with an assist from Owen McCormack just 1:42 after the opening faceoff - which Gennaro Marra won - in handing PA a 1-0 lead. And it became a 2-0 match just 1:11 later when Chad Teresky scored.

The Cardinals wouldn't get their first possession of the contest until more than



Pinkerton star goalie Alex Sturgess stares down a Bishop Guertin shooter during the Astros' D-I title-game win last weekend.
Photo by Chris Paul

four minutes had been played, and they'd pot their first goal with 7:39 to go in the period.

Pinkerton got that marker back on a magnificent play by senior midfielder Tom Sweeney with 2:32 left to go in that opening stanza.

Sweeney stole the ball from a Guertin player about 15 yards from the PA net, sprinted the ball up the field toward the BG cage, found an opening in the high slot, and rifled a shot past the BG

clock in the second period the PA lead sat at 5-1 thanks to scores from Ryan Auger and Mason Drouin, and the Pinkerton faithful couldn't have been blamed for thinking in terms of a blowout win at that point.

Guertin got one goal back with 3:03 remaining, but PA scored the final tally of the half with just 44.8 ticks to go when Teresky was set up by Sweeney.

Coach O'Reilly and his staff warned their charges to expect a Bishop Guertin surge in the second half, and it certainly came as the defending D-I champs outscored Pinkerton by a 6-3 margin in period three.

The Cardinals knotted the score at 6-6 - after scoring four straight times - with 4:38 to go in the period, but PA reclaimed the upper hand with 3:22 on the clock when Auger collected a BG turnover and set up Drouin for his second marker to make the score 7-6.

The Cardinals tied the score back up 20 seconds later, and the shooting spree continued. Up to that juncture in period three, BG had dominated play and put eight shots on net to Pinkerton's two.

But the Astros would reclaim the lead with consecutive goals from Valentine with 1:36 left and then 22.1 seconds left to make the score 9-7.

Guertin had the last word when it scored with just 1.3 seconds left, and it was a 9-8 game heading into the final period.

After the wild, rapid-fire third period in which a total of nine goals were scored, the fourth quarter was far tighter and only three more goals were potted. And two of them belonged to Pinkerton.

The two goalies at either end of the field put on a clinic through the first eight minutes, trading spectacular stops until Pinkerton upped its lead to 10-8 when Teresky set up McCormack with 3:52 showing on the clock.

The PA advantage then bulged to three goals at 11-8 a mere 29 seconds later when Valentine set up Teresky, and Guertin was facing a daunting comeback task.

As it turned out, the defending D-I champs only managed to get one more shot into the PA cage, and

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PA Baseball's Title Hopes Wither in the D-I Semifinals

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After starting its 2018 season with a sub-par, 2-3 record in its first five contests, the Pinkerton Academy baseball squad went on a 14-1 winning run during much of which it looked like the kind of team which was going to be extraordinarily tough to

defeat come tournament time.

Notching the third seed by virtue of its excellent 16-4 overall record, coach Steve Campo's academy crew squared off with and vanquished the number 11 Keene High Blackbirds by a 10-6 score in Division I quarterfinal-round tournament play in Derry on Saturday, June 2.

It was then on to Nashua's historic Holman Stadium for a semifinal-round meeting with a second-seeded Exeter High ball club which Pinkerton had edged by a 7-6 tally in the final regular season contest for both sides on the seacoast on May 25.

The Blue Hawks had a six-game winning streak ended in the May meeting

with the Astros, and they made certain that they wouldn't fall to the academy crew a second time by besting the locals by a 5-3 count in the semifinal in the Gate City on the afternoon on Wednesday, June 5.

Strangely enough, it would be the Astros who would have a six-game winning skein end with the decision which also ended their campaign and their very legitimate hopes for a state title.

Home team Exeter notched a two-run lead in the bottom half of the first inning against Pinkerton starting pitcher Asa Runge, who battled his way out of some trouble in a pretty gutsy performance which saw him go five innings and allow seven hits and three runs (all earned) while striking out four and walking two.

However, trailing 2-0 didn't end up being a huge problem for Runge and his teammates as they got the lumber going in the top of the second to the tune of three runs on four hits. And it would have been an even bigger frame for PA were it not for some fine Exeter outfield play which would wind up being pivotal in this big tourney contest.

The locals took a 3-2 lead in that top of the second thanks to a run-scoring single by Jacob Unkles and a two-run single off of the bat of Connor Jenkins.

But Exeter knotted up the score at 3-3 by scoring one more time on one hit in the latter half of the second.

The score would remain right there at 3-3 until the



PA's George Welch accepts congratulations from a teammate after scoring one of his team's runs in its 5-3 tourney loss to Exeter. Photo by Chris Pantazis

bottom of the fifth when the Blue Hawks bagged a lead they would not end up relinquishing by scoring once on two hits. PA pitcher Runge and his defense wriggled out of further trouble by ending that frame with your classic 6-4-3 double-play.

But Exeter pitcher Bobby Cliché and his defense held the academy bunch to just one more hit the rest of the way, while the Blue Hawks' offense added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth against reliever George Welch. That run was unearned as the Exeter leadoff man reached on an error and later came around to score on a single.

Coach Campo's crew wound up stranding a total of seven runners on the base paths, with two each in the

first and second frames.

"Asa and George did a great job on the mound, keeping the game competitive and battling the entire game," said the coach. "I was proud of our approach offensively the entire game, but unfortunately, baseball is a funny game. Sometimes you hit the ball hard and don't get a hit. The difference in the game was Exeter's outfield. They flew around and took away at least three or four runs with fantastic catches."

Glancing back at a campaign during which his charges went a pretty great 17-5 overall, Campo had no trouble expressing his true feelings with brevity.

"It was a very successful season, and I was proud of how the boys played."

Javelin Star King Leads Astro Athletes at New Englands

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

Paced by senior javelin star J.J. King, some of Pinkerton Academy's top track and field athletes tested their considerable mettle against the very best high school tracksters in the entire region and did quite well at the 73rd Annual New England Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the University of New Hampshire in Durham Saturday, June 9.

King, who won the Division I javelin championship recently but then had to settle for runner-up honors at the state Meet of Champions a week later, became the New England javelin champion with his top throw of 189 feet 4 inches at the big event.



Pinkerton's J.J. King is the 2018 New England javelin champion.

His fellow Astro Noah Woodman narrowly missed out on collecting a New England title of his own in the 400-meter dash, finishing second in 49.05 seconds.

Other top-10 perform-

ances by the 2018 Division I champion Pinkerton guys were bagged by Adam Spencer in the 110-meter hurdles (sixth in 15.04) and the 300-meter hurdles (10th in 40.52), Jadyn Ruimwijk in the 200 dash (ninth, 22.48), the 4x400 relay quartet of Ruimwijk, Spencer, Pat Hanlon, and Woodman (eighth in 3 minutes, 27.89 seconds), and Nate Miller in the pole vault (ninth, 12'6").

Other Astro male finishers included Conor Seleny in the 300 hurdles (15th), Kaleal Cerafici in the shot put (22nd), and Joron Harrell in the triple jump (26th).

The Lady Astros had Emily Lesburt finish 20th in the high jump and Amelia Graves wind up 22nd in the 400.

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PA Volleyball Crew Reaches Finals But Falls to Timberlane

CHRIS PANTAZIS
NUTFIELD NEWS

After making it to the 2017 state championship match and getting bested by the Timberlane Regional High team of Plaistow, the 2018 Pinkerton Academy boys' volleyball squad set itself a goal of getting another crack at that title, most likely against the same Timberlane Owls.

And as things shook out, the second-seeded Astros did get back to the title match and did face the top-ranked defending state champs from Timberlane. And it was in that battle that the academy squad saw their championship hopes evaporate for a second straight year.

The two-time-defending champs from Plaistow - who have now played in every state title match since 2014



Astro Hunter Hazard battles the ball versus Hollis.

and won three crowns - were too much for coach Colin Walker's warriors in a 3-0 shutout at Nashua High School North on Saturday night, June 9.

The academy side had beaten the seventh-seeded Bishop Guertin of Nashua in

a 3-0 blanking of its own in Derry in quarterfinal-round play, survived the spirited onslaught of third-ranked Hollis-Brookline in a 3-2 win in the semifinals at North, but then took a beating from a Timberlane troop.

The reigning champs took the three games by tallies of 25-17, 25-13, and 25-15 in making it a quick night for everybody involved.

"Timberlane was simply on their game tonight," said Walker. "(Senior star) Sam Hovan showed why he was the Player of the Year."

The Astros received 20 assists and four service points from Brian Castle, nine kills from Hunter Hazard, and two blocked shots from Matt Fabrizio on a tough night.

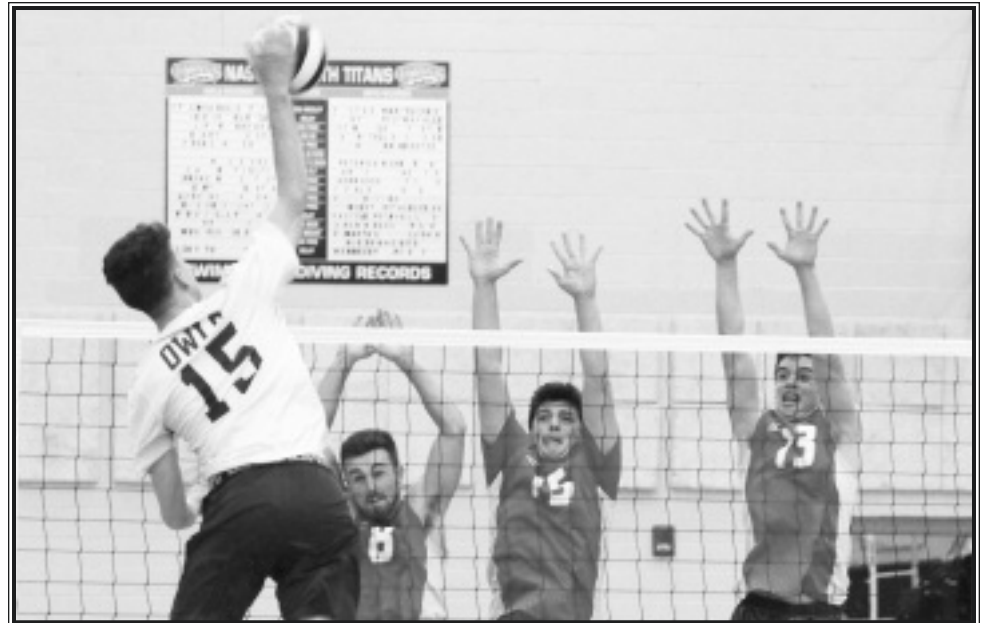
Timberlane had been one of only three squads to beat the Pinkerton contingent - and one of only two New Hampshire squads - during a 2018 campaign in which the Astros went a pretty stellar 16-4 overall.

The academy crew had breezed its way past the BG Cardinals in quarterfinal action in Derry on Tuesday, June 5, bagging game victories of 25-17, 25-20, and 25-19 to advance.

Castle registered 31 assists, Hazard was good for 16 kills and two aces, Teddy Wesche notched eight points, and Fabrizio came up with six kills and three blocks.

But the Astros had their hands far more full with the Hollis-Brookline Cavaliers in a semifinal battle which they nearly didn't win.

In that back and forth battle, Pinkerton won game one (25-21), saw the Cavs even the match count by taking game two (25-20), but then



Despite both the bravery and intensity of Pinkerton's defenders, Timberlane Owls' volleyball star Sam Hovan was just a bit too much for the locals in the state championship match at Nashua High North last weekend. *Photos by Chris Paul.*

came within a game victory of ending the battle by taking game three (25-19).

Hollis-Brookline had no intention of rolling over. Quite the contrary, the Cavaliers looked like a well-oiled machine in pounding their way to a very lopsided, 25-14 victory in the fourth set.

However, being the calm and seasoned volleyball man he is, PA coach Walker had words of wisdom and confidence for his charges as they chatted after the decisive Hollis win in game four.

"I told them that Hollis

emptied their tank in the fourth set," he said. "That, coupled with our errors, put us in a big hole in the fourth set, but we still were in a good spot to win."

The Cavaliers maintained some of their momentum early in game four, driving out to a 6-2 lead. But led by seniors Ty Behsman, Castle, and Fabrizio and junior Ben Taylor, the Astros came flying back to score six straight points and claim an 8-6 lead.

The score would be knotted up at 8-8 and 9-9,

but the academy side wound up tallying six of the last seven points to bag a 15-10 victory and move on to the finals.

"The seniors really stepped up," said coach Walker. "Ben Taylor might have had his best 10 minutes in an Astro uniform in that fifth set. My big takeaway from tonight was the senior captains, Ty and Brian, and Matt Fabrizio really became leaders in the team huddle. It was a great win."

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Athletes of the Week

Week of June 4



Seb Tonini, Junior,
Boys' Tennis

This skilled 11th grader played a big role in getting his team to the D-I finals, and then afterward he qualified for state singles and doubles tourney play in becoming one of the top four high school players in N.H.



Alex Sturgess, Senior,
Boys' Lacrosse

This lax All-American played a huge part in his squad's thrilling D-I title-game win over the arch-rival Bishop Guertin Cardinals, making 14 big stops to help place his Astros back on top of the league.

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Pinkerton Celebrates Another Great Spring Sports Season

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NUTFIELD NEWS

With several of its spring varsity sports squads still looking at potential state championships, Pinkerton Academy already had plenty to celebrate Monday, June 4 when it held its spring sports awards night.

Administrators, coaches, athletes and their family members came together in the Hackler that afternoon to acknowledge another superb spring campaign which was actually still going on with the Astros' varsity boys' lacrosse, baseball, and boys' volleyball squads deep in tournament play and individual PA tennis and track and field athletes also competing in major events.

"Another great spring, and all together a great athletic year from beginning to end," said PA athletic direc-

tor and boys' varsity lacrosse coach Brian O'Reilly.

At that juncture, with most of the academy's sub-varsity and varsity teams having completed their 2018 seasons, Pinkerton's varsity squads had won some 82 percent of their games with the junior varsity and freshman contingents having won at a similar clip.

The award presentations commenced with the Leadership Council of Athletics handing out its Coach of the Year honors, with sub-varsity awards going to male winner Marty Auger from the boys' lacrosse program and female winner Mar Barner from the girls' basketball program. Longtime track and field and spirit coach Carol Quarles, who recently led the PA varsity boys' outdoor track and field squad to the 2018 Division I title, was named Varsity



PA track captain Kayden Baillargeon expresses a few thoughts while handing over the 2018 outdoor title plaque with teammate Pat Corbin looking on.

Coach of the Year.

Closing out business from the winter season, Pinkerton basketball guard Amanda Lemire received the

recognition of the school's varsity Athlete of the Week award winners for the spring campaign.

Pinkerton's boys' tennis team presented its Division I runner-up trophy to acting Dean of Students Susanne Tartarilla, after which boys' track Quarles brought forth her title-winning contingent. Their captains then got to hand over their championship plaque to Tartarilla.

The teams then headed off to hand out their own individual awards, which are listed below save for the boys' track squad which will give out its honors at its awards banquet.

VARSITY

Baseball - Cam Walsh; Softball - Hannah Frazier; Girls' Lacrosse - Carly Young; Boys' Lacrosse - Nathan Landry; Boys' Volleyball - Matt Fabrizio; Girls' Track and Field -

Nicole Alves; Boys' Tennis - Zach Hudgins; Girls' Tennis - Chloe Freedman.

JUNIOR VARSITY

Boys' Lacrosse - Andy Hassler; Girls' Lacrosse - Naomi Menczywor; Softball - Anna Dunton; Baseball - Clay Laplante; Boys' Tennis - Mike Nogaj; Girls' Tennis - Hannah Borges; Girls' Track - Gabrielle Gagne; Boys' Track - Alex Moura; Boys' Volleyball - Chris Walker.

FRESHMAN

Boys' Lacrosse - George Dionis; Softball - Paige Murdock; Baseball - Zach Bolduc.

UNIFIED

Track Athlete - James Caster. Track Partner - Alexandra Moorehead.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Mike Brown Award For Baseball - Asa Runge; Girls' Novice - Alexis Lescovitz. Boys' Novice - Elijah Campbell.

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that came with 1:07 left. And face-off ace Marra - who went a strong 13-7 on draws - won the face-off immediately after the BG score to allow his squad to

run more vital time off of the clock.

Pinkerton's offensive leaders wound up being Teresky and Valentine with three goals and one assist apiece. And the victory was particularly special for senior Valentine, who has had an injury-packed and frus-

trating final year of high school.

He was relegated to the sidelines for all but two of the Pinkerton football squad's games by a serious knee injury in the fall, taking solace from the fact that he still had the lacrosse season coming up. However, just



It was a truly special and sweet moment for the Pinkerton Academy boys' lacrosse team when it got to pose with the D-I championship plaque after vanquishing the previously-unbeaten BG Cardinals in Exeter last weekend. *Photo by Chris Paul*

two games into the lacrosse campaign - right on the Bill Ball Stadium field there in Exeter - he had his left thumb broken so badly that it required surgery to place a pin into the injured digit.

"I thought my season was over. I thought that was it," said Valentine.

But a month before the end of the 2018 campaign the senior captain got clearance from his doctor to play

with that thumb in a cast, and he wound playing a vital role in the title victory.

"It's like playing with three or four extra layers on my thumb, and I didn't know how well I'd be able to shot. But it worked out," he said in a moment of understatement.

Along with the offensive efforts of Valentine and Teresky, Pinkerton received the two goals from Drouin, a

goal and two helpers from Auger and McCormack, and a goal and an assist from Sweeney.

The new D-I champions had vanquished the number seven Nashua South Purple Panthers and the third-ranked Exeter High Blue Hawks in quarterfinal and semifinal-round tournament play to advance to yet another title-match battle with those Guertin Cardinals.

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Free Meals

Please join us for free, family-friendly meals, served in a relaxed atmosphere. Meals are generally held as posted below, but may be rescheduled for holidays. Please call the facility to check on holiday times. We look forward to seeing you! On July 8 and August 12, dinner will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m., at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 1 Hood Road, Derry. On June 24, July 15 and August 19 dinner will be served from 5 - 6:15 p.m., at Etz Hayim Synagogue 1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry. On June 29, July 27 and August 24 a Spaghetti supper will be served from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at First Parish Congregational Church, 47 East Derry Road, East Derry. On June 24, July 29, and August 26, Lunch will be served from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., at St. Jude Church 435 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. On June 16, July 21 and August 18, Dinner will be served from 5 - 6 p.m., at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 63 East Broadway, Derry.

Democrat Meeting

The Derry Democratic Committee meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at Marrion Gerrish Community Center at 7 p.m. On June 28 our guest speaker will be Joe Pace, candidate for Executive Council. Any questions can be directed to DerryDems@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome.

Win Tickets to Red Sox vs. Yankees

Etz Hayim Synagogue is raffling off two front-row seat tickets to the Red Sox v. Yankee game that will take place on Friday, August 3, at 7:10 p.m. at Fenway Park. The cost of the raffle is \$10 for one raffle ticket; \$50 for six raffle tickets. Tickets include admission to the Royal Rooters Club, a private club for Red Sox season ticket holders and home to original memorabilia. The drawing will take place on Sunday, July 22, (your presence is not required for the drawing). To purchase raffle

tickets, please contact the Red Sox raffle organizer at red-sox@etzhayim.org, or Dina Michael Chaitowitz at d.chaitowitz@etzhayim.org. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit Etz Hayim Synagogue and will in turn help to support the synagogue's many programs that are available for free to the surrounding communities.

St. Gianna's Place Yard Sale

St. Gianna's place, yard sale will take place on June 23, in the St. Thomas Aquinas parking lot, 26 Crystal Ave., Derry. The sale will run from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. St. Gianna's place is working to purchase a home that will serve at-risk pregnant women in the Derry/Londonderry area, and their annual yard sale is a reliable source of funds.

Fishing Derby

The Youth Fishing Derby is being hosted by the BLIA and the Derry Parks and Rec Dept on June 30 and will be located at Gallien's Beach at Beaver Lake and will be open to participants 15 years old and under. The Event will run from 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Summer Free Lunch Program

Sonshine Soup Kitchen, Monday Thru Friday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. The Salvation Army Summer Free Lunch Program For Kids June 26 to August 23 (18 and younger), 12 - 1 p.m. Tuesday June 26 and Thursday at the Fairway Apartments. (by the pool), Wednesday, at The Salvation Army, 18 Folsom Road. Look for the Salvation Army lunch truck.

Elijah's Table

Free Community Dinners Offered by Elijah's Table in Derry. Elijah's Table, a joint project of Etz Hayim Synagogue (1-1/2 Hood Road, Derry) and the Derry Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration ("DECOFT") (1 Hood Road, Derry), are serving up two free dinners in June. On June 24, from 5 - 6:15 p.m., Etz Hayim will be serving ziti with cheese and sauce, fresh salad with

corn and orange peppers, green beans, garlic bread, and dessert, including ice cream. The atmosphere is always informal and friendly, and the facilities are air conditioned. Meet up with old friends, make new friends, and have a great meal. For more information on free meals in the Derry area, please go to <http://freemealsinderry.blogspot.com>

RC Air Show

The New Hampshire Flying Tigers will hold a Radio Control Air Show supporting the Wounded Warriors Project on Saturday, June 23 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (rain date Sunday). Held at the Flying Tigers airfield accessed behind the Total Air Supply building on B-Street in Derry, the event will offer demonstrations of warbirds, helicopters, aerobatics, drones and scale planes all day. Food and refreshments will be available and the public is invited to not only watch the aircraft but also to try flying a radio control aircraft. For information, visit www.nhflyingtigers.com or call ABC RC and Hobbies at 458-6481.

Pot Recycling

The Derry Garden Club is hosting a pot recycling event at The Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., on Sat. June 16. Please bring clean garden pots and they will be recycled for potting plants for our annual plant sale next year.

Craft Class

The Taylor Library will be holding Craft classes on Wednesdays at 3 p.m., dates include July 11, 18, 25 and Aug 1, 8. Preregistration is required to participate in the program.

Young Adult Book Group

The Taylor Library will hold a Young Adult book Club for Grade 2 and up on Mondays at 1 p.m., dates include July 16, 23, 30 Pick up your book July 9.

Tiny Tot Story Hour

The Taylor Library will hold Tiny Tot Story Hours on

Fridays at 10 a.m., dates include July 13, 20, 27, Aug 3. This program is for little ones ages 6 months to 2 years old. Pre-registration is required weekly as space is limited.

Lego Club

The Taylor Library will hold a Lego Club on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., dates include July 10, 17, 24, 31 and Aug 7. Come and build something with us!

Carnival Night

The Taylor Library will host a Carnival Night on Thursday July 12 at 6:30 p.m. Games, prizes and food, fun for the whole family.

Dolly & Me Tea Party

On July 19 at 2 p.m., Age 5+ bring your favorite Doll to the Taylor Library and sip tea, do a craft and show off your doll.

Teddy Bear Sleepover

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Marshmallow Roast

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Cross-Country Race

Pinkerton Academy cross-country and track star Joe Gagnon is presently working on his Eagle Scout project, with which he aims to repair his school's cross-country course. In raising funds for his project the local runner is directing The Long Red Line 5K Cross-Country Race, which will be held on the PA track and cross-country course on Saturday, June 16. The race will begin at 2 p.m., and the entry fee will be a \$15 donation. Interested folks can sign up online at sites.google.com/view/longredline5k. They may also register on race day from 1 - 1:45 p.m.

Relay for Life

American Cancer Society Participation in Relay For Life of Greater Derry-Londonderry to Help Attack Cancer From Every Angle is calling on all community members to participate in the annual Relay For Life of Greater Derry-Londonderry on June 23, 2018 from noon - 10 p.m., at the Pinkerton Academy Track. Be part of the fight, and together we can beat our biggest rival. American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to form teams and stand shoulder to shoulder with us and cancer patients and

those supporting them. To learn more about Relay For Life, and register a team, visit RelayForLife.org/derryandlondon-derrynh.com or on Facebook @GDLRelayforLife.

Greater Manchester Lyme Disease Support Group

Hosted by David Hunter this group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the: Bedford Presbyterian Church 4 Church Road Bedford. For more information call 660-3425 or email dhunter31@gmail.com

Walking Together

A support group for widows and widowers meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Manse at Londonderry Presbyterian Church, 128 Pillsbury Road, Londonderry. When we meet, we walk together our journey of grief. No need to do it alone. If you have any questions, please call 781-866-9976.

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Are you frustrated with your teenager or in need of support regarding your teenager? Does parenting your teenager mean you have new concerns about anger, defiance, motivation and trust? If so, you are not alone. Welcome to the club! Meet up with other parents at our Parents Support Group every Thursday night, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at The Upper Room, 36 Tsienneto Road, Derry. Meet other parents experiencing the same situations. No pre-registration is required. There is no fee, and all topics can be discussed. Call 603-437-8477 with any questions.

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there need to be serious cooperation between the district and council, but he even suggested that some fresh faces may be helpful on the school board. "There needs to be a symbiotic relationship between the parties for the success of this community", Morgan stated.

Several other councilors also voiced their opinions about the matter. Councilor Brian Chirichiello felt that Derry was not in as bad shape as some may think, highlighting Derry's consistent tax levies. He also men-

tioned Derry's senior citizens that are struggling to get by because of the high tax rate, emphasizing how a strong national economy does not mean much to them. Councilor Charles Foote went on to suggest that anyone who is tired of the high tax rate should be attending the Derry School Board deliberative sessions for more information.

Councilor Richard Tripp agreed with much of what Morgan said, feeling that the district must become one with Derry, especially considering the impact taxes could have on Derry's growth.

"If we have high tax rates, that's no incentive to come to Derry", Tripp stated. Overall, every councilor seemed to agree that the school board must be more open to communicating about this matter. As the voters made the final decision back in March; their voices need to be heard. School Board Chair Lynn Perkins was in attendance during this meeting, who was in agreement with many of the ideas proposed by the council, while also disagreeing with the failure to communicate on the part of the school board.

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